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The body of Carl Brown, who Miami police said killed eight persons at a machine shop, lies next to the concrete pole against which his pursuers said they pinned him and his bicycle.

Shotgun-killer of eight dies attempting escape

MIAMI (AP) — An angry customer blasting away with a shotgun killed eight people and wounded three Friday at a Miami machine shop, then was killed when a car rammed his bicycle as he fled, police said.

"He came in and just went nuts," police spokesman Ken Christopher said.

Three employees at Bob Moore's Welding & Machine Service Inc. in northwest Miami were wounded in the fusillade. One person was treated and released from Hialeah Hospital, where the other two were listed in stable condition.

Investigators found the gunman, identified as Carl Brown, 51, of Hialeah, dead a few blocks away, tossed face-up into a patch of weeds alongside busy LeJeune Road near Miami International Airport. His straw hat lay at his feet, and his bicycle leaned crazily against a utility pole. Neighbors later said Brown was a retired schoolteacher who kept to himself.

Christopher said the Moore shop had done some work for the attacker on Thursday and there was a dispute over the bill or the quality of the work. Police said the

work was done on a small lawnmower engine.

"Apparently he was disgruntled over some work he had had done," Christopher said.

Rufus Nelson, who works at a scrap metal yard across the street, told investigators the gunman walked into a back door of the machine shop late Friday morning and that he heard several shots.

Then, Nelson said, "He came out and got on his bicycle and rode on down the road," his shotgun slung over one shoulder by a strap. Ernest Hammett, a co-worker of Nelson's at General Metals, and Mark Kram, the owner of a nearby business, said they grabbed a few handguns, hopped into a company car, and chased the cyclist as someone else called police.

"When we got up to him, I fired a warning shot," said Kram, owner of All Florida Scrap Metals. "As he looked at me, he reached for a shotgun. Then I pinned him against a concrete light pole" with the car.

One police officer, identified only as A. Juliach, said it wasn't likely the motorist would be charged in that death.

"I came in and everybody was dead," said Armando Valdes, a truck driver for Moore's. He called off the names of the dead to another man, who broke into sobs.

A body, surrounded by huge metal lathes and other equipment, could be seen sprawled on the concrete in an open bay of the light green building near the Miami River.

Five more bodies were found inside the two-story shop and adjacent offices, and two victims died later at Jackson Memorial Hospital, according to police spokesman Tim Davis.

The victims, all shop employees, were identified as: Lonie Jeffries, 53, of Miramar; Martha Steelman, 29, of Hialeah; Pedro Vasquez, 44, of South Miami; Nelson Barrios, 46, of Opa-Locka; and Ernestine Moore, 67, of Miami. Ernestine Moore was the shop owner's mother; Magnum Moore was his uncle.

About 50 people pushed up against the police ropes as officers searched for evidence and questioned possible witnesses.

From time to time, a friend or

relative of one of the victims arrived, got the news and wailed, often clutching officers for support. Each was led away by other friends.

"It is the largest mass slaying in Dade County," Davis said at the murder scene. "To the best of our knowledge, it is the first time eight people have been slain by a lone gunman."

C.L. Conroy of Hialeah Hospital said Carlos Vazquez Jr., 17, had been admitted with gunshot wounds in both feet. Eduardo Lima, shot in the arm, was in stable condition, and Carlos Vazquez Sr., 42, was discharged, Conroy said.

Police in the Miami area, which led the nation in per-capita homicides the past two years, had investigated other multiple murders — four men killed in one incident and three women in another — in the last three weeks.

Both of those cases were believed to be drug-related, as were the 1981 slayings of six members of a Colombian family in suburban Kendall. Six people were fatally shot and two wounded in a 1977 robbery in the northwestern Miami suburb of Carol City.

State school chief rivals trade charges

LOS ANGELES (AP) — State Superintendent of Public Instruction Wilson Riles and challenger Bill Honig traded angry charges of distortions and lies over test scores and bilingual education in a debate tape for weekend television broadcast.

Riles, state superintendent for the last 12 years and Honig, a one-time Riles ally who has been a member of the state Board of Education for the past six years, each said in a Friday confrontation that the other must share responsibility for any failure in California's schools.

Riles attacked Honig for opposing increases in state school funds and said the fundamental problem in education is that schools need more money and "I for one, am willing to stand up and say 'if it means more taxes, I'm willing' to ask for a tax increase."

"Education has been cut and cut and cut to the bone. There is no more fat on the bone. We have to face the hard fact that we need more money for schools," Riles said in the program taped for Sunday broadcast on KNXT television's "Newsmakers" show in Los Angeles.

Honig, who finished second to Riles in an eight-way race in the June 8 primary, said the problem in the California schools is not money, "but the failure of the leadership of Wilson Riles."

Honig charged that Riles was more concerned with "the process... and the educational bureaucracy," than the teaching in classrooms.

"Your leadership has failed. You have steadily denied there is a problem," Honig told Riles, adding he would not support extra funds for schools until they first improve

their performance.

Honig replied there has been "a tremendous decline in the performance of our children in schools in the past 12 years," that Riles had been superintendent.

Riles said that third- and sixth-grade test scores had increased steadily under his administration, while 12th-grade test scores, following national trends, had declined. But California's 12th-graders are doing better than national averages, he said.

"You don't hire third-graders, you hire 12th-graders," Honig snapped in one of a series of personally angry exchanges.

Honig, repeating his "back to basics" campaign theme, charged there was "a lack of science, a lack of math, a lack of discipline in our schools," under Riles.

"Bill has been a member (of the state Board of Education) for six years. If something is wrong with the schools, Bill, you must take responsibility too," Riles said, adding that as superintendent, he follows the policies set by Honig and other members of the Board of Education.

Riles and Honig had their sharpest clash of the 30-minute program on the issue of bilingual education.

Honig charged that Riles had imposed programs that leave children with language problems in classes segregated from other students while "I lead the fight to make sure those children make the transition to English."

Riles replied that Honig "talks out of both sides of his mouth," both advocating and cutting bilingual education and "distorting the truth" about those programs.

"You're not telling the truth," Honig replied.

Alligator mauls rescuer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A student at the University of Florida swimming to help people from a capsized boat was mauled by a 9-

foot alligator Friday, officials say. Christopher Palumbo, 20, was bitten on one of his arms above the wrist and above the elbow.

Fonda leaves assets to widow, adopted daughter

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Academy Award-winning actor Henry Fonda left the bulk of his estate to his widow Shirlee and his adopted daughter, according to documents filed Friday in Superior Court.

Fonda, 77, died Aug. 12 of a chronic heart ailment.

William Stinehart Jr., law partner of Paul Ziffren who was named as co-executor of the estate, estimated the value of Fonda's assets merely as "in excess of \$200,000."

Omitted from the will were Jane and Peter Fonda, the actor's children by his second wife, Frances Brokaw.

"They are financially independent," Fonda's will said of his children, both actors. "My decision is

not in any sense a measure of my deep affection for them."

Fonda said he was providing primarily for his wife and adopted daughter Amy, "because they are dependent on me for their support."

The will, written last year, gave \$200,000 to Amy Fonda Fishman, who was adopted by Fonda and his third wife, actress Susan Blanchard. Mrs. Fishman lives in Colorado with her husband.

The remainder of the estate, including his personal effects and art works, was bequeathed to his widow.

His family also honored Fonda's wishes that his body be cremated and disposed of "without ceremony of any kind."

Beirut . . .

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contingent of 298 French paratroopers to oversee the first stage of guerrilla evacuation, Lebanese television said.

Lebanese radio stations said telephone lines also went dead between East and West Beirut and that the Israeli army closed the international highway in northern and eastern Lebanon, sharpening fears of an Israeli-Syrian confrontation before the gradual PLO evacuation is completed.

On Friday, President Reagan confirmed 800 U.S. Marines will take part in the multinational force overseeing the pullout of more than 7,000 guerrillas, but said if any Americans are shot at they will be removed immediately. He said they would play a "carefully limited non-combatant role. In no case will our troops stay longer than 30 days."

In a Rose Garden announcement before leaving for a West Coast vacation, Reagan praised the "magnificent work" of his special Mideast peace envoy, Philip Habib, who negotiated the Palestinian withdrawal agreement and a cease-fire between Israeli and Palestinian forces.

"Phil never lost hope, and in the end his spirit and determination carried the day, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude," Reagan said.

Secretary of State George Shultz, addressing his first news conference since taking office a month ago, said the dispersal of the PLO provides greater opportunities for achieving a comprehensive settlement in the Middle East.

Shultz said the United States wants Lebanon "free of foreign forces" but made clear he doesn't expect a rapid withdrawal of either Israeli or Syrian troops. "There is no doubt about the fact it will be complicated and difficult," he said.

To complete its part of the withdrawal bargain, the Palestine Liberation Organization turned

over two Israeli captives and the bodies of nine soldiers at the port, then began detonating land mines to clear their West Beirut enclave for evacuation today after a 2½-month siege.

"The plan is to start the evacuation tomorrow morning, and tomorrow we'll be wiser," said Maj. Gen. Amir Drory, commander of Israeli forces in Lebanon, who watched the Red Cross turn over the captive Israeli soldier and pilot and the coffins near the northern end of the Green Line.

"Getting back our prisoners and the bodies of our soldiers was a condition from the outset for starting the process of evacuating the terrorists from Beirut. This prime condition has been met," Drory said.

The turnover took place at 5:15 p.m. (8:15 a.m. PDT), and the freed men and coffins were flown shortly afterward to a military airport outside Tel Aviv. Pilot Aharon Ahiaz, a captive since June 6, the first day of the invasion, was greeted by his wife and son with a bouquet of flowers. The other released prisoner, soldier Ron Harush, captured Wednesday, was welcomed by his mother.

"I'm glad to be back," Ahiaz said earlier at the Beirut port as soldiers clapped delightedly. "Now please let me get back to my family and I'll talk to you later." Harush said little, but both men appeared to be in good health.

The coffins were borne to Beirut's port in a gray, wooden-slatted truck from the PLO's Gaza Hospital. The truck was preceded by a Red Cross van carrying Ahiaz and Harush.

Israel radio, in a live report from the Beirut harbor, described the scene as a curious mixture of rejoicing at the release of the prisoners and mournfulness in the presence of nine coffins.

Military chaplains opened the coffins and inspected them. They hurried with the approach of dusk and the Jewish Sabbath, during which it is considered sinful to have contact with the dead.

"We will bury you in our holy earth," intoned Israel's chief military chaplain, Maj. Gen. Gad

Navon, who recited Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead.

Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan announced the transfer an hour before it took place and said Habib handed him a written guarantee that the Reagan administration would seek the release of Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners held by Israel.

No figures were given and there was no immediate comment from U.S. officials, but in the past Israel has refused to discuss freeing PLO fighters it holds, claiming they are terrorists held on criminal charges rather than prisoners of war.

Leader . . .

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Adventist policy.

"This financial debacle likely could have been avoided if the investment policies of the church had been respected and followed," he said.

Wilson wrote that he, the General Conference and the vast majority of church leaders have had no direct involvement with Davenport.

Nevertheless, he declared, "I want to seek forgiveness for the heartache and loss that this case has brought . . . and for any betrayal of the sacred trust placed with us."

He said he and the General Conference, the church's top ruling body, will form a 15-member President's Review Commission.

By year's end, the commission is to recommend to Wilson sanctions to be imposed on any church employees found to be improperly involved in the Davenport transactions by conflicts of interest, dishonesty or incompetence.

And by June 30, 1983, the commission is to recommend corrective policy and administrative measures.

Loma Linda University Church Pastor Louis Venden, who has quietly pushed for a thorough church investigation, said, "It's good that the world church leader is being

forthright at this point. This is very encouraging."

He and John Adam, one of the most active critics of church dealings with Davenport, were particularly pleased with the Review Committee.

"These are not just yes-men," said Adam, the Memphis, Tenn., editor of the underground "SDA Press Release." "This is very, very significant."

Other longtime critics were openly skeptical.

Allen and Walter Rea, who was stripped of his ministerial credentials for questioning church doctrine, noted that nearly half the members of the Review Committee were church employees.

"I would have been happier if you had 15 judges, 15 CPAs (certified public accountants) or 15 atheists," said Rea, now a resident of Patterson.

Adventists have been sharply divided by the Davenport transactions.

Wilson suggested the news media fueled the confusion and impatience with misinformation.

In particular, he attacked as "deplorable half-truth and misrepresentation" a June 2 article in The Sun that reported Wilson did not plan to fire or reprimand anyone involved with Davenport investments.

"I have always said that naturally we would much rather not have

to discipline anyone," wrote Wilson, "but that we must be prepared to do so if the facts demand it."

(The Sun report was based on an Oct. 20 interview Wilson gave to the Religious News Service, which said Wilson "does not now plan to fire or reprimand anyone involved in the financial scandal, but will in the future 'do more than simply remonstrate' against officials who mismanage funds.")

(The Sun made repeated efforts to talk to top church officials, including Wilson, through the denomination's General Conference Office in Washington, D.C., but reporters were referred to spokesmen and attorneys, who declined comment.)

Wilson stated that fortunately, church involvement with Davenport was relatively small.

He answered several key questions asked of the church:

• Why weren't church members better informed about the Davenport dealings?

Wilson said the church had to be protected from unnecessary legal pitfalls that could result from speaking prematurely and without the facts.

However, he added, "Yes, there is a time to be silent and exercise

restraint, but there is also a time to speak out."

• Why did The Report take so long?

Wilson said considerable time was needed for thorough and professional research.

• What will happen to The Report?

"son said The Report will be restricted to the use of the Review Commission and not publicly released."

• What are church policies on administrative accountability?

Wilson said church officials could be in conflict of interest if they invested with Davenport while committees over which they presided or held membership also had loans with Davenport. Or if they received higher interest rates from Davenport than customarily granted to church institutions. Or if they received preferential treatment such as business ventures or partnership relationships with Davenport.

• What lessons should be learned?

Wilson said the financial crisis could have been avoided if church policies were followed, but there appeared to be a widespread failure of church officers to properly exercise their authority.

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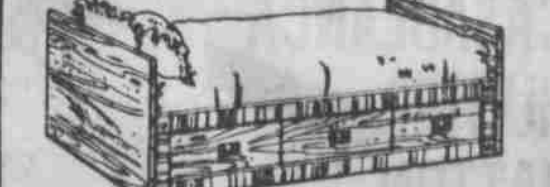
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